

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5 -11, 13-16 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, claims 1 - 3, 5 - 11, 13 - 16 have been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 14, 2005.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication in item 4, page 8, of the Action that all of the pending claims 1 - 3, 5 - 11 and 13 - 16 are allowable but for the objections to claims 1 - 3, 5 - 11 and 13 - 16. However, each of claims 1 - 3, 5 - 11 and 13 - 16 has been in the manner suggested by the Examiner to overcome these claims objections. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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